Commission Agenda April 16, 2008

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE ON MARCH 6, 2008.

Proposed E-Governance and accountability task force.

ACTION

The Mayor's office to form an ad-hoc committee for E-Governance allowing them one month to form the committee and three months to come back with recommendations.

Commissioner Weithorn presented the item for discussion on E-Governance. She stated that E-Governance is the use of government web-based internet applications and other information technologies, combined with processes that implement these technologies, to enhance the access to, and delivery of government information and services to the public, other agencies and other government entities; or bring about improvements in government applications that may include effectiveness, efficiency, service quality or transformation. In layman's terms it is just putting the information out there.

Chairman Gross asked what format would that take as far as putting a committee together.

Mayor Bower stated that the Mayor's Office would have to form an ad-hoc committee.

Commissioner Weithorn stated that she wanted to form a group of 5 to 7 people on the committee. She went on to say that most of the information is already there and it is just a matter of making it easier to access the information.

City Manager Gonzalez stated that anything that puts more information into the hands of residents the better.

Commissioner Steinberg made a motion to allow one month for the committee to form and allow three months to execute. Motion passed unanimously.

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